

Chairwoman Waukau's Notes

March 5, 2007

Poso My Fellow Menominees:

I am sure that you have been closely following the Kenosha project that is being reported in the news especially regarding the tribes relationship with Dennis Troha. Prior to Mr. Troha being indicted for improper campaign contributions to Governor Doyle's run for the governorship, Mr. Troha separated himself from our project and the Mohegan tribe bought out his share of the development agreement. The Milwaukee newspapers are reporting that our project is dead in the water, but that is not true. We are moving forward with the project and we are getting no indications from the BIA or the National Indian Gaming Commission that the Troha indictment will have any adverse effect on our application.

The committee appointments are completed and all new committees have started their work. Budget and Finance is chaired by Legislator Karen Washinawatok, Governmental Affairs is chaired by Legislator Boivin, Housing is chaired by Legislator Delabreau, Health and Family is chaired by Legislator Alegria, Enforcement and Resource Protections is chaired by Legislator Besaw, Community Development is Chaired by Legislator Caldwell, and Labor Education and Training is chaired by Legislator Regina Washinawatok.

Task Force appointments are as follows: MTL/MTE is chaired by Legislator Fish, MTL/MISD is chaired by Legislator Waukau, MTL/ Menominee County is chaired by Legislator Delabreau, Casino Board is chaired by Legislator Caldwell, and Kenosha Gaming Authority is chaired by Legislator Besaw.

If you any questions or concerns in any of these areas the committee chairman are your contact persons.

Legislative travel this week included Legislators Alegria, Delabreau, and Waukau traveling to Kenosha to meet with various organizations on our casino project. Legislator Fish has been in Washington for the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes lobby week which focuses on programmatic funding. Next week a team of three Legislators will be lobbying in Madison.

Spring sports is starting at the high school so that means summer vacation is just around the corner. If you have time, attend some games or meets and support our athletes. Congratulations to the newest entrepreneurs on the reservation, the Menchaca girls who have opened the Lot Café in downtown Keshena and are open every day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sincerely,

Lisa Waukau
Honorable Tribal Chairman